



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

1-95 Ellesmere Road – Inclusion on Heritage Inventory

Date:	October 21, 2008
To:	Toronto Preservation Board Scarborough Community Council
From:	Director, Policy and Research, City Planning Division
Wards:	Scarborough Centre – Ward 27
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

There is a proposed development application for the property at 1-95 Ellesmere Road, which contains Parkway Plaza. The site contains a rare late 20th century grocery store with a distinctive curved roof that is most recently occupied by a Dominion (now Metro) franchise and has a convenience address of 15 Ellesmere Road.

Following research and evaluation, staff have determined that the property has cultural heritage value and merits listing on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties. The inclusion of the property on the City's heritage inventory would enable staff to monitor the site and encourage the retention of its heritage values and attributes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Planning Division recommends that

1. City Council include the property at 1-95 Ellesmere Road (specifically the portion with the convenience address of 15 Ellesmere Road) on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of March 27, 2008, the Toronto Preservation Board referred the report entitled "85 Ellesmere Road – Inclusion on Heritage Inventory" back to the Director, Policy and Research, City Planning Division for further consideration. The Scarborough

Community Preservation Panel has provided information about the site through its minutes to the Toronto Preservation Board. Staff have updated the street address according to the City's assignment of street numbers, and conducted further research that is reflected in the Reasons for Listing.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

City Planning staff have met with representatives of the property owner, who plan to redevelop the site that currently contains Parkway Plaza. Near the west end of the property, the building occupied by a grocery store (most recently a Dominion store, now known as Metro) would be removed as part of the proposed redevelopment.

With its distinctive design, the grocery store at Parkway Plaza is a rare example of a late 20th century commercial building that is a local landmark in the Maryvale neighbourhood of Scarborough. The inclusion of the property on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties would enable staff to monitor any applications affecting the property and encourage the retention of its heritage values and attributes.

COMMENTS

The property at 1-95 Ellesmere Road, specifically the portion identified for convenience purposes as 15 Ellesmere Road, is worthy of inclusion on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties. Located on the southeast corner of Ellesmere Road and Victoria Park Avenue, the Parkway Plaza grocery store (1958) is a rare example of a late 20th century commercial building designed by architects Bregman and Hamann with a distinctive curved roof, which is associated with the post-World War II suburban development of Scarborough where it is a local landmark in the Maryvale neighbourhood.

A location map (Attachment No. 1) and photographs (Attachment No. 2) are attached. The Reasons for Listing (Attachment No. 3) include a statement of the cultural heritage value of the property with a description of its heritage attributes.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Location Map
Attachment No. 2: Photographs
Attachment No. 3: Reasons for Listing